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1. Brandis Braunkohlenwerke: Recent production here is approximately 100 tons per day. Work is being carried on with picks and shovels as no machines are available. There is a complete lack of excavators. This mine is an SED undertaking which was begun for propaganda purposes.
2. Hoyerswerda: A hard coal mine is in the planning stage. Deposits are calculated at some 5,000,000 tons. No machines are available and only open-cast mining is being undertaken. Output here is very small.
3. Deuben: This concern, formerly part of the Riebeck'sche Montanwerke, is now called "Kombinat 'Smola' Sitz Weissenfels". No dismantling has taken place. Present production is as follows:

Briquette factory: 3,000 tons per day  
 Distillation and carbonization plant: 300 tons per day  
 Power station: 80,000 kilowatt hours per day.

The staff has risen from 2,500 to 4,000 men.

4. Profen: This is now a Soviet combine. Production is as follows:

Briquettes: 1,000 tons per day  
 Tar: 60 to 70 tons per day.

5. Deutzen: This is now a Soviet combine, employing 2,000 workers. Production is as follows:

Briquettes: 3,000 tons per day  
 Tar: 300 tons per day  
 Gasoline: 300 tons per day.

6. Nachterstedt/Halberstadt: This is the former "Concordia" mine belonging to Riebeck'sche Montanwerke. It is now a Soviet combine. No dismantling has taken place and production is as follows:

Briquettes: 2,500 tons per day  
 Power station: 50,000 kilowatt hours per day  
 Gasoline: 100 tons per day

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7. Grube Golpa Zachornowits: Formerly "Reichswerke Hermann Göring", this mine is now a state-owned enterprise. It is 50% dismantled. Its present production is unknown. Prior to dismantlement its production was as follows:

Brown coal: 10,000 tons per day  
Power station: 300,000 kilowatt hours, supplying Berlin.

8. Deutsche Solvaywerke Bernburg/Saale: This mine was formerly Belgian property. It has now been completely dismantled. Mining has started again with primitive tools, but the output here is very small. The working force has shrunk from 6,000 to 1,000. The mine is now a state-owned enterprise.

9. Regis Breitingen has now been dismantled completely and the mines have been flooded. Former production was as follows:

Briquettes: 4,000 tons per day  
Tar: 400 tons per day  
Gasoline: 400 tons per day

10. Niederlausitz Coalfields. About ten of the mines have been dismantled, among which are the following:

Bubias Mückenberg  
Clara Welzow, Neuwelzow, near Senftenberg  
Grube Werminghoff  
Niederlausitzer Kohlenwerke belonging to the Flick complex and formerly to Julius Ferschek of Czechoslovakia.

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11. The following is the position regarding the distillation of gasoline in Soviet Zone. Total production from carbonization plants is as follows:

Espenhain	1,000 tons per day	
Böhlen	800 tons per day	
Deuben	300 tons per day	
Deutzen	300 tons per day	50X1-HUM
Nachterstedt	100 tons per day	
Total	2,500 tons per day	50X1-HUM

Comment: It is assumed that [ ] means carbonization plants producing tar-oil or benzol, but not synthetic gasoline by the Tropesch or Bergius process.

12. There are a few carbonization plants in the Niederlausitz area, the product of which is unimportant. Kombinat Proffen produces approximately sixty tons per day. As production also takes place on Sundays, the monthly production is assessed at 75,000 tons. Of this production 80% goes to the Red Army, the remainder to industry.
13. All brown coal mines which possess a distillation plant have been taken over by Soviet combines. Those without such plants have largely been returned to Länder after partial dismantling. The Regis-Breitingen (400 tons per day) the Hirschfelde distillation plants have been dismantled.

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